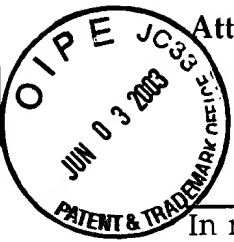


#8 on  
6-19-03



Attorney's Docket Number ET00-005CIP

PATENTS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: the Application of: William Flanagan et al  
Filed: 10/30/00  
Serial No.: 09/702,050  
Examiner: Meinecke Diaz, Susanna M.  
Group Art Unit: 3623  
For: System and Method for Contract Authority  
Docket No: ET00-005CIP

RECEIVED  
JUN 16 2003  
GROUP 3600

Director of the US Patent and Trademark Office  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA, 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME


Sir:

Applicants hereby petition under 37 CFR 1.136 and 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) for a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Official Action mailed 12/16/2002. The new period for response will expire 6/16/2003.

EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE

Express Mail Label Number, ET736910740US Date of Deposit June 3, 2003. I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Director of the US Patent and Trademark Office, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA, 22313-1450.

Cust. No. 27,443  
Tel. 508 653-8143

  
Maureen Stretch,  
Reg. No. 29,447  
26 Charles Street  
Natick, MA 01760

06/06/2003 CNGUYEN 00000008 09702050

03 FC:2253

465.00 0P

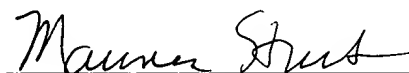
Attorney's Docket Number ET00-005CIP

PATENTS

A check including the fee of \$465.00 for a small entity for this extension is included herewith.

A response to the outstanding Office Action is being filed herewith, together with an Information Disclosure Statement, a copy of references cited, and a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome a double patenting rejection.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Maureen Stretch", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Maureen Stretch  
26 Charles Street  
Natick, MA 01760  
Reg. No.: 29,447

Cust. No. 27,443  
Date: June 3, 2003